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SUBJ: FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REF: FAA 2099 APR 29, 1977

1. EMBASSY AND ACTING DGATT CONCUR WITH MAY 15 DATE OF VISIT
BY HOWERTON AND SEIBERT. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONFIRMATION
AND ETA DUE TO EXTREMELY SERIOUS HOTEL ROOM SHORTAGE IN CARACAS.

2. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE TIMELY. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION
WITH ACTING DGATT(GENERAL SUAREZ IS IN MONTREAL AND DR PULGAR
IS ILL) CARLOS MARTINEZ,A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS MADE WHICH IS
HOPED TO BE STILL IN LINE WITH FAA THINKING.

3. BY DECISION OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS,
DR VICENTINI'S SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE FOR MAIQUETIA HAS BEEN
MADE DIRECTORATE UNDER DGATT. EMBOFF THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT
MOA-WO-I-060 BE ELIMINATED AND ABSORBED BY NAT-I-531, WITH
VICENTINI'S PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY ANNEXES.
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THIS SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED AND DETAILS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED
DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT BY FAA OFFICIALS. SINCE THE RADAR
PROGRAM IS NOW BEING HANDLED BOTH BY VICENTINI AND BY MAJOR
POCATERRA UNDER MARTINEZ,WITH COORDINATION POOR, IT IS INTENDED
TO ABSORB THIS PROGRAM COMPLETELY INTO MARTINEZ' TECHNICAL
PLANNING OFFICE, THUS ELIMINATING VICENTINI'S REQUIREMENTS FOR
RADAR EXPERT.

4. JACKSON'S REPLACEMENT IS EXPECTED URGENTLY, HOWEVER, AND POCATERRA EXPRESSED STRONG HOPES THAT JACKSON WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIS REPLACEMENT.

5. MARTINEZ INFORMED EMOFF, AND SHOWED INTERNAL CORESPONDENCE TO THE EFFECT, THAT ALL FUNDS ALLOTTED AVIATION PROGRAMS UNDER NATIONAL PLAN WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AS OF MAY 15. THUS, ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED UNDER NAT-I-531 CAN BE MADE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT BILLS CAN BE PAID BY INTERNAL FISCAL PROCEDURES WITHOUT FURTHER INTERVENTION BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, THE CAUSE OF THE PRESENT DELAY.

6. MARTINEZ WILL PROBABLY MENTION STATUS OF RICCARDI ASSIGNMENT FORCEFULLY DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT.

7. MARTINEZ MENTIONED THAT THE UNDP CONTRACT FOR TRAINING SCHOOL HAD BEEN SIGNED AND THAT ICAO'S ROBERTO PASSARELLI IS IN THE COUNTRY TO HEAD THIS PROGRAM. THE CONTRACT WITH MITRE CORPORATION HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED DUE TO SMALL PROBLEMS WITH THE NATIONAL CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

8. MARTINEZ STATED THAT HE EXPECTS THE FAA ASSISTANCE TO BECOME QUITE LARGE, CONSISTING MAINLY OF TDY ASSIGNMENTS FOR NUMEROUS PROJECTS, ALTHOUGH ASSIGNMENTS OF UP TO A YEAR OR MORE COULD ALSO BECOME NECESSARY.
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